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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY JACOBS
1 3 A Resolution honoring the remarkable achievements of
1 4 Iowa's own Shawn Johnson.
1 5 WHEREAS, the life and career of Iowa high school
1 6 student Shawn Johnson is a testament to the value of
1 7 hard work and a dedication to excellence; and
1 8 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson began a career in gymnastics
1 9 at the age of three and through more than a decade of
1 10 perseverance and hard work is now an elite
1 11 international gymnast at the age of 15, already being
1 12 compared to the United States' first female all-around
1 13 world champion gymnast, Kim Zmeskal; and
1 14 WHEREAS, under the guidance of coaches Liang Qiao
1 15 and Liwen Zhuang, Ms. Johnson first appeared on the
1 16 national scene in 2005, placing third in the junior
1 17 division at the 2005 U.S. Classic and in 2006 was the
1 18 2006 U.S. Junior National All-Around Champion; and
1 19 WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Johnson's fiery combination
1 20 of power and skills catapulted her to world attention,
1 21 winning the all-around at the 2007 Tyson American Cup,
1 22 winning four gold medals and one silver medal at the
1 23 2007 Pan American Games, and winning the 2007 Visa
1 24 National Championships; and
1 25 WHEREAS, in September 2007, along with teammates
1 26 Nastia Liukin, Shayla Worley, Alicia Sacramone, Ivana
1 27 Hong, and Samantha Peszek, Ms. Johnson placed first in
1 28 the team competition in the 40th World Artistic
1 29 Gymnastics Championships held in Stuttgart, Germany,
1 30 and individually placed first in the all-around and
2 1 the floor competition; and
2 2 WHEREAS, as the 2007 World All-Around Champion, Ms.
2 3 Johnson is now training in the hope of joining the
2 4 United States women's gymnastic team at the 2008
2 5 Beijing Olympics; NOW THEREFORE,
2 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 7 That on behalf of all Iowans, the House of
2 8 Representatives honors Shawn Johnson, a remarkable
2 9 young athlete whose dedication, skill, poise, and
2 10 grace have taken her to the world stage and will take
2 11 her farther still in the future.
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